

Message

From: Wahlstrom-Ramler, Meghan [Wahlstrom-Ramler.Meghan@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/10/2020 8:06:45 PM
To: Tyler, Kip [Tyler.Kip@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Deny The Kampachi Farms Application to Build a Fish Farm Off Shore from Sarasota Florida.

From: Lee Duffey <mail@leeduffey.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Wahlstrom-Ramler, Meghan <Wahlstrom-Ramler.Meghan@epa.gov>
Subject: [SPAM-Sender] Deny The Kampachi Farms Application to Build a Fish Farm Off Shore from Sarasota Florida.

Hello,

I'm writing in opposition to the EPA granting a permit for the first aquaculture fish farm in America, proposed to be located in the Gulf of Mexico, 45 miles west of Sarasota Bay. Please deny Kampachi Farms permit application for this aqua farm as it is a threat to off-shore waters and beaches in Florida. The location, in the Gulf of Mexico, is inadequate to allow for disbursement of waste, excess food and antibiotics needed for this offshore fish farm. Such a facility is better inland in pond-like facilities that can better monitor and treat the negative impacts of such facilities by refiltering and recirculating the water.

This operation has been allowed and then banned by other countries for good reason. With our strong susceptibility to hurricanes, sea-level rise, red tide, ongoing damage from the Deep Water Horizon oil spill, freshwater depletion of our aquifer and other environmental concerns faced by our state, please do not allow this experiment to move off shore from the US mainland.

Thank you for your time with my comments and please count me as strong opposition to this proposal.

Lee Duffey
Sarasota, Florida